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SUBJECT: ECUADOR OIL SALE TO COSTA RICA

1. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT PRESS REPORTS THAT ECUADOR WOULD SELL CRUDE OIL TO COSTA RICA, JORGE VILLALOBOS, OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR THE STATE-OWNED REFINERY (RECOPE), STATED THAT RECOPE INTENDED TO BUY 60,000 BARRELS OF CRUDE FROM ECUADOR IN THE NEAR FUTURE. VILLALOBOS EXPLAINED THAT THE REFINERY WANTED TO TEST THE ECUADOREAN CRUDE TO SEE WHAT PRODUCT MIX IT WOULD YIELD. HE ADDED THAT THE CRUDE HAS A GRAVITY OF 31 DEGREES API. THE PRICE PER BARREL IS ABOUT \$12.25.

2. SIXTY THOUSAND BARRELS REPRESENTS ONLY 3 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CRUDE THAT COSTA RICA PURCHASED IN 1975 FROM VENEZUELA. THE DECISION TO TRY ECUADOREAN CRUDE MAY INDICATE THAT COSTA RICA INTENDS TO SHOP AROUND FOR OTHER SOURCES OF CRUDE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT QUITO CAN PROVIDE ON THE TRANSACTION.

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